

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiving system including a television monitor having a monitor screen for displaying selected programs comprising:

a digital broadcast receiver having an infrared receiving and transmitting means for transmitting electronic program guide (EPG) data contained in a received digital broadcast data;

a program display and selecting apparatus remote from said digital broadcast receiver having a receiving means comprising an infrared receiver and transmitter unit for receiving the EPG data transmitted from said infrared receiving and transmitting means of said digital broadcast receiver;

said program display and selecting apparatus comprising a displaying means for concurrently displaying the received EPG data; said digital broadcast receiver periodically transmitting EPG data; and

said program display and selecting apparatus comprises an operation means for operating said digital broadcast receiver, wherein the EPG data received from said digital broadcast receiver facilitates selection of a program for outputting thereof on said television monitor screen, in the absence of any display interruption caused by said EPG data, based upon the EPG data information which has been received.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiving system according to claim 1, wherein said program display and selecting apparatus comprises a transmitting means for transmitting operational information inputted into said operation means to said digital broadcast receiver; and

said digital broadcast receiver comprises a receiving means for receiving the operational information transmitted from said program display and selecting apparatus.

6. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiving system according to claim 1, wherein said operation means comprises a touch panel.

7. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiving system according to claim 1, wherein said operation means selects a program to be monitored.

8. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiver comprising a transmitting means for transmitting EPG data contained in a received digital broadcast data; a program display and selecting apparatus remote from said digital broadcast receiver and including a receiving means for receiving EPG data transmitted from the digital broadcast receiver; said program display and selecting apparatus comprising a display means for concurrently displaying said received EPG data, wherein the EPG data received from said digital broadcast receiver facilitates selection of a program for an uninterrupted outputting thereof on a monitor screen of a television monitor based upon the received EPG data information.

Claims 9-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiver according to claim 8, wherein said program display and selecting apparatus comprises operation means communicating with a transmitting means for transmitting the operational information input to said digital broadcast receiver.

14. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiver and program display and selecting apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said operation means comprises a touch panel.

15. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiver and program display and selecting apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said operation means selects a program to be monitored.

16. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast receiver and program display and selecting apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said transmitting means transmits EPG data contained in a received digital broadcast data and said broadcast receiver includes a receiving means for receiving the operational information transmitted from the program display and selected apparatus.